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TELEPHONE EXCHANGE WITH STD ISD FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges set up in West Bengal during the Ninth Plan period;

(b) the number out of the above functioning at present;

(c) Whether all the exchanges in the State have been provided with STD/ISD facilities and Internet services;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the names of States which have got STD/ISD facilities and Internet Services; and

(f) the criteria adopted to provide these facilities to the States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Total 838 (Eight Hundred and Thirty Eight) telephone exchanges have been set up in the state of West Bengal during the Ninth Plan period.

(b) All the above mentioned installed exchanges are functioning properly at present.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. All the 1792 Exchanges working at present in West Bengal have STD/ISD facilities and Internet services.

(e)&(f): STD/ISD and Internet facility has been made available in all the States in the country by BSNL. These facilities are provided to the customers on demand in all the exchanges.